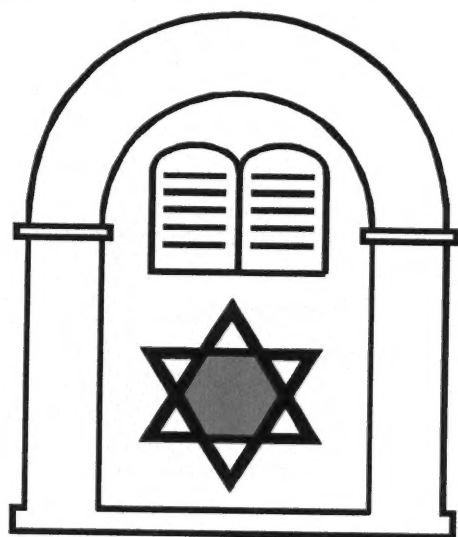


The City of Newark's
16th Annual
Holocaust Observance



Remembrance:

A lesson for today

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

12 noon

First Baptist
Peddie Memorial Church

572 Broad Street, Newark

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*Please join us immediately following the program
for a luncheon/reception in the church's hall,
sponsored by Edison Properties Inc.*

HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST PEDDIE MEMORIAL CHURCH

First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church was named for a Scottish native, Thomas Baldwin Peddie, who was born in Edinburgh on February 11, 1808. He came to America at age 25 with very little money, and worked in the leather industry in Newark. By 1835, Peddie owned his own basement shop on Broad Street, and became the first business in the city to manufacture leather trunks and baggage. During the Civil War, the factory made cartridge boxes and knapsacks for the Union Army. This work made Peddie wealthy. He later founded the Newark Board of Trade and the Peddie Institute, a Baptist school in Hightstown, N.J. was named in his honor to recognize his generous support of the institution.

In 1863, he entered politics and was elected to the New Jersey Assembly for Newark districts. He was elected mayor of Newark in 1866 and served until 1870. In 1876, he was elected to Congress, and died in 1889.

The church that now bears Peddie's name, however, began its history on June 6, 1801, when nine members constituted the "First Baptist Church of Newark." The church held services in the White School House until 1803, when an 87 by 100-foot lot at Academy and Halsey Streets was purchased for a "meeting house and burial ground." The first church was completed in 1805. By 1810, it was too small, and had to be replaced. A third building was dedicated on Academy Street near Broad Street in 1860.

The present church building's cornerstone at 572 Broad Street was laid on June 18, 1888, and was dedicated in May 1890. The building cost \$225,000. William Halsey Wood designed the Byzantine structure, whose outside is made of Rhode Island granite. The nine polished granite columns and entrances on Broad Street come from Scotland.

Inside, the pulpit is made of Vermont marble, while the pews and wood are made of sycamore with a natural finish. The stairs are oak.

Many artists contributed to the beauty of Peddie Church and its stained-glass windows. Louis C. Tiffany, whose windows also graced the Smithsonian Institution, created the Fish Memorial windows in the Fish Alcove. Each window in the Lecture Room consists of about 629 individual pieces of glass.

On October 30, 1972, First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties, Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God the gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Text by Katherine Lee Bates

Tune by Samuel Augustus Ward

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let There Be Peace On Earth, and let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace On Earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God as our father, brothers (family) all are we
Let me (us) walk with my brother (each other) in perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let There Be Peace On Earth, And let it begin with me

Text by Sy Miller

Tune by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Program

Organ Prelude

Dita Delman, Organist
First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church

Welcome & Invocation

The Rev. Felix Dingson, Pastor
First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church

"America, The Beautiful"

Gwen Moten, Supervisor
Newark Office of Cultural Affairs

Master of Ceremonies

Ms. Pamela Goldstein,
Newark Communication Manager

Remarks

Rabbi Ellie Miller,
Temple Sharey Tefilo Israel, South Orange
The Honorable Donald Bradley, City Council President

Prayer for our Service members

Capt. John James, *New Jersey Army National Guard*

Musical Selections

"Siyahamba" (South African Freedom Song)
"Hine Matov"

Sung by: Newark Boys Apprentice Chorus
Michael Sanflippo, Director
Caroline Parody, Accompanist

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Sharpe James, Mayor

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Hubert Locke
Acting President, Pacific School of Religion
(Berkeley, California) and Dean Emeritus, Evans
School of Public Affairs, University of Washington (Seattle)

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Benediction

Sister Dominica Rocchio
Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Newark

**City of Newark**

Sharpe James, Mayor

Municipal Council

Donald Bradley, Council President,
South Ward

Augusto Amador, East Ward

Charles Bell, Central Ward

Mamie Bridgeforth, West Ward

Hector M. Corchado, North Ward

Gayle H. Chaneyfield-Jenkins, At-Large

Luis Quintana, At-Large

Donald Tucker, At-Large

Bessie Walker, At-Large

Business Administrator

Richard Monteilh